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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRIME  
MINISTER RABIN

1. REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO PRIME  
MINISTER RABIN FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS  
FOR THE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS THAT  
YOU CONVEYED TO ME AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

I WAS MOVED BY ISRAEL'S SHARING IN OUR CELEBRATION THROUGH  
THE NUMEROUS EVENTS MARKING OUR BICENTENNIAL IN ISRAEL AND  
ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS HERE.  
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BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,BUT OF THE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY

AND FREEDOM WHICH WE ALSO SHARE AND WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THAT FRIENDSHIP. JUST AS OUR BICENTENNIAL MARKS A PERIOD IN WHICH WE AS A NATION REAFFIRM THE DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATION OF OUR COUNTRY, SO YOUR SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE TO OUR CELEBRATIONS REAFFIRM" THE BONDS BETWEEN SISTER DEMOCRACIES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU FURTHER TO ACHIEVE WHAT BOTH OUR NATIONS SEEK: PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR MANKIND.

SINCERELY,  
GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,  
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, I EXTEND TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU, TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, SINCERE EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP, TRIBUTE AND RESPECT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ALL ISRAEL SHARES IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT WHICH IS A CELEBRATION OF DEMOCRACY, DECENCY AND FREEDOM EVERYWHERE. IN GRATITUDE AND IN BROTHERHOOD WE SALUTE AMERICA, THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, AS YOU ENTER INTO THE THIRD CENTURY OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE.

SINCERELY,  
YITZHAK RABIN  
PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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